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1. According to a decision of the DDR Ministerial Council [REDACTED] August 25X1
1952, a change in the organization of the Mansfeld industrial complex
is to be undertaken. A far-reaching decentralization is to be put into
effect; each factory within the combine is to receive an individual
administration to be made up of factory and sales directors and a
chief bookkeeper. This change will require 140 additional administrative
offices.

2. [REDACTED] it was announced that all leading
white collar workers of the ministries will be obligated to defend the
DDR by force of arms in case of emergency. People in this
category are to be the "DDR Officers of the Future".

3. The following proposals for price increases for crude iron, block steel
and copper have been made by the director of the Ministry of Smelting
and Ore Mining Sales Department:

Metal	Current Price Per Ton	Planned Price Per Ton
Crude iron	70-80 DM East	120-130 DM East
Block steel	90-96 DM East	160-170 DM East
Copper	1500 DM East	3000 DM East

The 3000 DM price for copper has been proposed by the State Planning
Commission; the Ministry of Finance has suggested a 4,500 DM price.
No action is to be taken since the GOC has the final say on such price 25X1
changes.

4. Willi Rumpf, State Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, announced [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] September 1952 that of the planned 83 million DM East reduction in
administrative costs, 65 million DM had so far been cut. The remaining 18
million reduction is assured.

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